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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
For: **Process for Purification of Plasmid DNA**
Inventors: Budahazi *et al.*
Our Ref: 1530.0550001/JUK/JCI

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Process for Purification of Plasmid DNA

and naming as inventors:

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- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
 - b. A specification containing:
 - i. 32 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 4 pages of claims (34 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - c. 1 sheet of drawings: (Figure 1);
3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3); and
 4. Two return postcards.

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